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Fanshawe College Paramedic graduate awarded 2007 Tim Hickman Memorial Health and Safety Scholarship

This evening City Council recognized Paula McFarlane as the 2007 recipient of The Tim Hickman Memorial Health and Safety Scholarship. The $3,000 scholarship for students in an occupational and/or public health and safety related program - awarded annually - was established last year by the Corporation of the City of London and CUPE Locals 101 and 107.

The scholarship winner, who has just completed her diploma as a Primary Care Paramedic at Fanshawe College will also be certified in June as an Ontario Emergency Medical Assistant. Describing herself as "very happy, very excited" to be selected for the award, McFarlane's future education plans include attaining advanced care and critical care paramedic qualifications.

Dedication to promoting health and safety is evident in volunteer initiatives that range from participation in riot and hostage police training exercises to conducting awareness and education programs on helmet safety at the London Children's Museum and for Grade 3 classes of the Thames Valley District School Board.

"Through this Annual Memorial Scholarship, the City will continue to pay tribute to the memory of employee Tim Hickman," says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "The Award's selection process reinforces the importance of striving for excellence and is an ongoing reminder of Tim's dedicated service to our community. We congratulate this year's recipient, Paula McFarlane, and are confident she will excel in making safety a priority through her dedicated work as a paramedic."

The Selection Committee that chose McFarlane as its 2007 award recipient includes Shirley Hickman, whose son, Tim, died in service to community at age 21. In addition to staff from the City's Human Resource Division and the Environmental and Engineering Services Department, there is Committee member representation for CUPE Local 101 and CUPE Local 107 and the London Chapter of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering. Details of the application requirements, selection criteria and submission process are available on www.london.ca.